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SUBJECT: MFA PROTEST OF BUZZING BY U.S. NAVAL PLANE OF SOVIET SHIP

1. IN LOW-LEVEL DEMARCHE (COUNSELOR OF MFA USA DIVISION TO DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION), MFA JUNE 19 PROTESTED JUNE 11 OVERFLIGHT BY U.S. NAVAL PLANE OF SOVIET RESEARCH SHIP IN NORTH ATLANTIC. TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF NON-PAPER HANDED EMBOFF FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: ON THE 11TH OF JUNE OF THIS YEAR, THE SOVIET SCIENTIFIC-RESEARCH SHIP "PROFESSOR ZUBOV" WAS SUBJECTED TO BUZZING (OBLETI) BY AN AMERICAN NAVAL PLANE (TYPE ORION, NO. 153417). AT THAT TIME, THE SHIP WAS ON THE HIGH SEAS AT COORDINATES 45 DEGREES 20 MINUTES NORTH LATITUDE, AND 25 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE. AT THE TIME OF THE BUZZING, THE SHIP WAS ENGAGED IN WORK CONNECTED WITH THE LAUNCHING OF METEOROLOGICAL ROCKETS
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AND, IN ADDITION TO RADIO NOTIFICATION OF THE DANGER

ZONE, THE SHIP HAD RAISED THE APPROPRIATE SIGNAL FLAG
IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL SIGNAL CODES. IN SPITE
OF THIS, FROM 1340 TO 1535 HOURS THE AMERICAN PLANE
CONTINUED BUZZING THE SHIP AT A LOW ALTITUDE AND THREW
OUT TWO BUOYS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE SHIP.
THESE ACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN PLANE CREATED DANGER FOR
THE SOVIET SHIP "PROFESSOR ZUBOV", AND PRODUCED HAZARDS
FOR ITS NAVIGATION AND ITS RESEARCH WORK.

THE ATTENTION OF THE AMERICAN SIDE IS DIRECTED TO
THE INADMISSABILITY OF SUCH ACTIONS, WHICH ARE A VIOLATION
OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE USSR AND
USA ON PREVENTING INCIDENTS ON THE HIGH SEAS AND IN THE
AIR SPACE ABOVE THEM (1972), AND IN PARTICULAR ARTICLE P
OF THE PROTOCOL TO THIS AGREEMENT, SIGNED ON MAY 22, 1973.
END TEXT.
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